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## Pesticides

### Panel to Meet on Pesticide Efficacy Requirements

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel will meet March 19-21 to discuss possible efficacy data requirements for pesticide products that claim to control invertebrate pests. The Environmental Protection Agency is developing product performance data requirements for pesticides that claim to control public health pests, such as ticks, mosquitoes, and cockroaches and pests that pose an economic risk, such as wood-destroying insects and invasive species. The agency said recent developments, including the reemergence of bed bugs and outbreaks of West Nile virus, illustrate a need to more carefully assess control of invertebrate pests. The SAP, which will meet in Arlington, Va., will discuss the public health pests for which efficacy data are needed, the use of appropriate surrogate species for efficacy testing, and the adequacy of the performance standards under consideration at EPA. All related documents, including a full agenda for the meeting and EPA's background paper on the product performance data requirements, will be available by mid-February at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0574.